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SUBJECT: US SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

PASS TO DEP SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REFERENCE: (A) BANGKOK 14026, (B) SECDEF SECRET DTG

061521Z SEP 73 TO CINCPAC, SUBJ: CALL BY RTG AMBASSADOR

ANAND.

1. WHEN YOU VISIT BANGKOK, THAI OFFICIALS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS WITH YOU THE NEED FOR INCREASED US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND. AMBASSADOR UNGER STATES THE CASE FOR SUCH INCREASED ASSISTANCE IN REF A. REF B REPORTS CONVERSATION BETWEEN DASD DOOLIN AND THAI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ON

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SAME SUBJECT. CLEARLY THAI AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS REASONS WHY MAP LEVELS WILL BE RELATIVELY LOW, AT LEAST WHEN COM-

PARED WITH EXPECTATIONS OF SOME RTG OFFICIALS.

2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR UNGER'S CONCERN ABOUT THE DECLINE IN MAP LEVELS AND ITS EFFECT ON THE RTG (REF A), THE OUTLOOK FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE WORLDWIDE IS, UNFORTUNATELY, BLEAK. AS YOU KNOW, THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, AND OF COURSE THE CONGRESS, WILL FINALLY DETERMINE THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF FY 74 MAP. MEANWHILE, THERE SIMPLY ARE NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ALLOCATE TO THE THAI PROGRAM UNDER CRA AND THE PROSPECTS FOR LEGISLATION AT SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LEVELS ARE POOR.

3. REFS A AND B BEING RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
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